

AN ANALYSIS OF CONNOTATIVE MEANING IN LINKIN PARK "A THOUSAND SUNS ALBUM"

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Abstract

This research aimed to analyze the connotative meaning and the type of connotative meaning found in the twelve lyrics of linkin parks's songs. This research is designed in qualitative research with descriptive approach. The source of this research is the twelve lyrics of linkin park's songs. The data is analyzed by using the technique of the data analysis: data condensation, data display, drawing and verifying conclusions. The result of data analysis shows that: there are 30 connotative meaning used in the twelve lyrics and the dominant types of connotative meaning is associative meaning. Besides, it is found 16 associative meaning, 4 allusive meaning, 3 collocative meaning, 7 affective meaning, 0 reflective meaning and attitudinal meaning. Based on the finding, it is concluded that the connotative meaning found is carried within words, phrase and sentences in twelve lyrics of linkin parks's song. In this research, the researcher also wants to suggest the lecturer or the English teacher to lead the students' use the connotative meaning theory as the material of teaching and learning and also can be implemented as material for increasing the students' ability in mastering the vocabulary and also connotative meaning material can be proposed to extend students ability in recognizing the meaning of words not only which has provided in dictionary but also which has associated in another aspect.

Key words: *Connotative meaning; song lyrics; linkin park album*

Abstrak

Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk menganalisis makna konotatif dan jenis makna konotatif yang terdapat pada 12 lirik lagu linkin park. Penelitian ini di rancang dalam penelitian kualitatif dengan pendekatan deskriptif. Sumber penelitian ini adalah 12 lirik lagu linkin park. Data di analisis dengan menggunakan teknik analisis data: kondensasi data, penyajian data, penarikan dan verifikasi kesimpulan. Hasil analisis data menunjukkan bahwa ada 30 makna konotatif yang di gunakan dalam 12 lirik lagu dan jenis makna konotatif yang dominan adalah makna asosiatif, 16 makna asosiatif, 4 makna kiasan, 3 makna kolokatif, 7 makna afektif, 0 makna refleksi dan makna sikap. Berdasarkan temuan tersebut, di simpulkan bahwa makna konotatif yang di temukan terkandung dalam kata, frasa dan kalimat dalam 12 lirik lagu linkin park. Dalam penelitian ini, peneliti juga ingin menyarankan dosen atau guru bahasa inggris untuk mengarah kan siswa menggunakan teori makna konotatif sebagai bahan belajar mengajar dan juga dapat di implementasikan sebagai bahan untuk meningkatkan kemampuan siswa dalam menguasai kosa kata. Dan juga materi makna konotatif dapat di usulkan untuk meningkatkan kemampuan siswa dalam mengenali arti kata kata tidak hanya yang telah di sediakan dalam kamus tetapi juga yang terkait dalam aspek lain.

Kata kunci: *Makna konotatif; lirik lagu; album linkin park*

A. Introduction

In communication, people interact one with the others for the sake of understanding the message or ideas presented using language. Kreidler (1998:19) stated that "language is a system of symbols through which people communicate. There are main parts of linguistics, they are phonetic and phonology, morphology, syntax, pragmatics and semantics. In this case, the researcher focussed on meaning of words and sentences. However, semantic is also dealing with relation human words and word.

Furthermore, in linguistics, semantics is the study of the relationship between words and how the process of drawing meaning from text. Yule (1985:320) stated that "semantic is the study of meaning in words, phrase and sentences". In semantics, meaning is divided into two parts, literal meaning and non-literal meaning. Literal meaning as a dennotative meaning based on actual words or the real meanings and non-literal meaning is the other way around its occurs when the speaker's meaning different from what the real meaning, we can say that as connotative meaning. The listener may find it difficult to understand what the speaker wants to convey if the speaker speaks non literally. To expressing that ideas from semantics are used some way through denotative and connotative meaning. while, meaning includes both denotation and connotation. Denotative meaning is what the dictionary attempts to provide. It means that denotative meaning is the objective (dictionary) relationship between a word and the reality to which it refers. While connotative meaning is the communicative power of a word by virtue what it refers to (Leech, 1981:12).

Connotative meaning is difficult to interpret for general listener. Based on data that researcher collected that some people did not understand about connotative meaning that provides when listened. Some people does not get the point and the meaning what the speaker say, the listener just enjoy to hearing the lyric songs without understanding and knowing the connotative meaning that consist on it. Related to the statement and explanations above, learning about connotative meaning is very important. While, it can help make it easier to find and understand about what is being conveyed or being told. One of example to find the connotative meaning used in a lyrics song.

Every song has many messages and need to analyze the meaning of the song to understand the song. In daily life, many people listen a lot of song. Song lyric is one of literary works and it is has meaning. Every song contains lyric which has certain connotative meaning to be heard. Song lyrics are often used by the creator as an intermediary to convey and to expressing feeling that expose the author's thoughts are made with various types of language style. The one of it Linkin Park.

Furthermore, in linkin park a thousand suns album the researcher found some connotative meaning, the connotative meaning that found is negative emotion such as angry, disappointment, selfish creature, and arrogant. Connotative that found produce as follow: (1) *Blood in your eyes*. The lyrics was taken from the song "Blackout", this lyric used the types of 'Associative meaning' because associative meaning has relationship and connects it with references to stereotype. "blood in your eyes" that is not the real meaning. While, the word 'blood' is expression of someone who is angry, disappointed and

emotion that looked from the eyes. So, the word blood is associated with an expression angry, disappointed and emotion. . Then, based on the explanation above, the writer would like to do a research and intends to study about entitled **“An analysis of connotative meaning in Linkin Park a thousand suns album”**. The objectives of this research are : (1) To describe the types of connotative meaning which are found in Linkin Park “a Thousand Suns Album” (2) To find out the meaning of connotative words, phrase and sentences that found in Linkin Park “a Thousand Suns song lyrics Album”

This research expected to have significance both theoretically and practically. Theoretically, this research will be expected to give some contribution in linguistics development especially for semantics study and theoretical aspect of connotative meaning. Connotative meaning material can be proposed to extend students' ability in recognizing the meaning of words not only which has provided in dictionary but also which has associated in another aspect. Moreover, it is possible for the teacher to motivate the students for having motivation in learning English by comprehending the connotative meaning attractively. Practically, the teachers also can use the connotative meaning theory as the material of teaching and learning and also can be implemented as material for increasing the students' ability in mastering the vocabulary. This research also can be useful as a reference and additional information if you are interested in analyzing similar research title like An analysis Linkin park a thousand suns album as comparison for the relevant research.

B. Research Method

This study used qualitative methods with descriptive approach because the data is the form of words or written language. This is due to research it seeks to expose sentences, phrase or words. Qualitative research is a form of inquiry that explores phenomena in their natural settings and uses multi-methods to interpret, understand, explain, and bring meaning to them (Anderson and Arsenault, 2005:126). In addition, another expert argues “qualitative research is practised in many disciplines, so a range of data collection methods has been devised to cater for the varied requirements of the different subjects, such as : qualitative interviewing, focus group, participant, discourse and conversation analysis and analysis of text and documents” (Walliman, 2011:131). The data of this research was taken from song lyrics Linkin Park's album. The data source from words, phrase or sentences of songs linkin park by album a thousand sun that contains connotative meaning.

In collecting the data in this research, there were the steps the researcher used. The steps were : (1) Searching and downloading the lyrics of Linkin Park's album “A Thousand Suns and printing out all the song lyrics that consist in link <http://myliriklagupopuler.blogspot.com/2013/03/linkin-park-thousand-suns-aalbum-lyric.html> (2) Printing out all the song lyrics that consist “A Thousand Suns” album. (3) Reading the lyrics of Linkin Park's album A Thousand suns to know whether it contains connotative meaning. (4) Identifying and Selecting the word, phrase or sentences that contains connotative meaning that would be analyzed. (5) Writing and arranging down the data that into several parts based on type.

Data analysis is seen as consist of three activities in analyzing data: (1) Data

Condensation. Refers to the process of selecting, focusing, simplifying abstracting, and/or transforming the data that appear in the full corpus (body) of written-up field notes, interview transcripts, document and other empirical material. (2) Data Display a display is an organized compressed assembly of information that allows conclusion drawing and action. In this case, researcher displayed the data in a table form to make it easy for researcher in drawing conclusion. (3) Drawing and Verifying Conclusion. At this stage, the data has been analyzed recheck to develop the conclusion regarding the study and describe the result of analyzing the data from the data collection.

C. Research Finding and Discussion

The data of this research were song lyrics of Linkin Parks's "a thousand suns" album, which consist of (12) twelve songs, which have 30 connotative meaning.

Table 1

Types of connotative meaning

No	Song Title	Types of Connotative Meaning						Total
		As m	Rf m	At m	Al m	Cl m	Af m	
1	The radiance				1			1
2	Burning in the skies	5					1	6
3	When they come for me	3						3
4	Robot boy	-	-	-	-	-	-	
5	Waiting for the	1				1	1	3

	end							
6	Blackout	2						2
7	Wretches and kings					1	3	4
8	Wisdom justice and love	1			1			2
9	Irisdescen t	2		-			1	3
10	The catalyst	1			1	1	1	4
11	The messenger	1			1			2
12	Jornal del muerto	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total								30

Source, researcher result, (2022)

Note: As m :Asociative meaning

Al m :Allusive meaning

Rf m :Reflected meaning

Cl m :Collocative meaning

At m :Attitudinal meaning

Af m :Affective meaning

The types of connotative meaning

- a. **Associative meaning** is that part of the overall meaning of an expression that consists of expectation or assumptions widely associated (right or not) with referent of the expression. Associative meaning is the meaning that a word has in relationship to circumstances outside the language and connects it with references to stereotype.

- *Blood in your eyes* (St.blackout, P.67, L.15)

This sentences is type of associative meaning, it's not real meaning. while, the word "blood" is expression the of someone who

isangry, disappointed and emotion that looked from the eyes. So the word 'blood' associated with 'an expression angry, dissapointed and emotion

- b. **allusive meaning** is given linguistics expression, allusive meaning created when an expression evokes a saying or quotation in such a way, so that the meaning of saying or quotation became part of the overall meaning.

- *Will we burn in the fires of a thousand suns* (St.the catalyst, P.74, L.20-21)

This sentences is type of allusive meaning because in the real meaning doesn't the fires of a thousand suns, but this illustrates the result of sin is a hell of fire full of misery in the afterlife. Its the allusive meaning because the saying or quotation became part of the overalmeaning. Fires of a thousand suns as hell

- c. **Collocative meaning** is given to an expression over and above its literal meaning by the meaning of some other expression with which typically collocates to form a commonly used phrase. Collocative meaning lent to a linguistic expression by the meaning of some other expression with which it frequently collocates. Collocative meaning consists of the association a word acquires on account of the meanings of words which tend to occur in its environment. A collocation is made up two or more words that are commonly used together in english.

- *Black and blue run at the sunshine.* (St.wretches and kings, P.70, L.67)

This sentence type of collocative meaning because It not mean black and blue running in the sun but it

describe one's felling, where blac symbolis strength and seriousness while bluesymbolizes trust and loyalty. So, it means people who are full of strength, seriousness, trust and loyalty, run and fight in the heat or the hot sun. So, black and blue collocative with callors.

- d. **Affective meaning** is particular linguistic expression rather than others that might have been used to express the same literalmessage. Affective meaning that is an emotive effect that is worked on the reader or the person spoken by the choice of expression, and tha forms parts of its overall meaning. The expression does not merely denote is to referent but also hints at some attitude of the speaker or writer to the addressee.

- *Filthy animals beat down low* (St.wretches and kings, P.70, L.65)

This sentence types of affective meaning, becausefilthy animals are beaten down with low referrals to people who make big mistakes are punished and treated harshly and badly. So, filthy animals beatdown low are negative connotation while its affect on the listener or reader. Because the real meaning its talk about human beat down low not animals down low.Affective meaning reffers on the listener when he/she said "fists" its the bad or negative word, he/she may can say another word that contains possitive expression to describe he or she express

- e. **Reflected meaning** is the meaning given to an expression over and above the denotative meaning which it has in that context by the fact that

it also calls to mind another meaning of the some words or phrases.

The connotative meaning based on types of reflected meaning doesn't found in song lyrics

f. Attitudinal meaning

Attitudinal meaning is the part of the overall meaning of an expression that consists of some widespread attitude to the referent. The expression does not merely denote the different, but also hints at some attitude to it. Attitudinal connotations be important even when the referent is not a person but a system or practice or way of thinking.

The connotative meaning based on types of attitudinal meaning doesn't found in song lyrics

Based on the research finding above, this section presented the discussion which has conducted by comparing the research findings with the theory applied in this research. Specifically, this research was aimed to find out the types and the meaning of connotative meaning which were used in linkin park "a thousand suns album". Theoretically, On the other hand, Previously, the research that has related to this research which has conducted by Muslimin (2017), entitled The Analysis of Connotative Meaning in Masya and The Bear Cartoon Movie (A Semiotic Analysis). This research found that the connotative meaning in in Masya and The Bear Cartoon Movie based on theory of Hervey And the most dominant connotative meaning which is used in some some movie is Allusive meaning. In one case, her study was similiar to this research result referred to the types of connotative meaning. On the other hand, both of these

researches were different in dominant types of connotative meaning which was Associative meaning and another different is the object of this research.

D. Conclusion

Based on research findings and discussion, it can be concluded that connotative meaning is the one important aspect which has been used in Linkin Parks a Thousand Suns album. It beautifies the songs and give the powerfull impressions and message to the song. The data used in this research is the lyrics of Linkin parks a thousand suns album, which consist of 12 songs.

Based on the research findings, some suggestions addressed teacher, It suggested to the teacher to use this reasearch finding as the example of comprehending the English song and to find the connotative meaning of English songs. As addition, the teacher can used the theory of connotative meaning as material to teach and learning in increase their vocabullary

Students, It is expected the research findings can be used as the example of teaching material in comprehending the connotative meaning of the English songs. Next researcher, It suggested to the next researcher to use the research as a guidance in conducting the relevant research

Finally, researcher realizes that this research has many weaknesses. So that, researcher is expected for the next researcher were suggested to find other types of connotative meaning which were not found in the research. Moreover, it will be possible to use other theories in conducting the next research and more literally word in order enhance the wider knowledge and get the deep and more analysis about connotative meaning.

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